



CITY OF LODI

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

AGENDA TITLE: Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program Grant in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program.

MEETING DATE: June 4, 2003

PREPARED BY: Electric Utility Director

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to provide a Public Benefits Program grant in the amount of \$30,000 to fund the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2002, two-hundred (200) residential customers participated in the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program. The program is designed to encourage residential customers to install high efficiency central air conditioning systems in their home, should their existing unit fail or need replacement.

In 2003, the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate will provide similar rebates for residential customers who remove aging, inefficient central air conditioning units, and replace those units with a 14.0+ SEER (Season Energy Efficiency Rating) unit. The following outlines the specifics of the program:

- must be a City of Lodi resident and City of Lodi electric utility customer;
- customer must submit appropriate paperwork to receive a rebate;
- rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis;
- rebates are capped at 3-ton per customer service address, with a rebate of \$150 per ton (maximum rebate per customer service address is \$450);
- customer may utilize any licensed mechanical contractor of their choosing;
- the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program will commence July 1, 2003, and be offered until funds are exhausted.

By replacing an inefficient central air conditioning unit with a high efficiency system, customers may reduce their energy consumption (during the cooling season- traditionally the months of May through October in Lodi) by ten percent to twenty percent, depending upon the frequency of use.

The City of Lodi Electric Utility staff respectfully recommends approval of the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate as a qualifying component of the City of Lodi Public Benefits Program, and as a nationally recognized energy efficiency improvement for residential energy users.

FUNDING: Public Benefits Fund- 164605 (Demand-side Management)


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C: City Attorney

APPROVED:


H. Dixon Flynn - City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2003-100

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE CITY MANAGER TO PROVIDE A PUBLIC BENEFITS
PROGRAM GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 TO
EXTEND THE LODI COOLING CASH REBATE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the state has mandated that beginning January 1, 1998, the City of Lodi is obligated to fund various programs through a Public Benefits Charge (PBC) based on a historical electric revenue requirement; and

WHEREAS, the requirement amounts to approximately \$1 million per year that must be dedicated to qualifying programs such as energy efficiency. A further stipulation is that these efforts must be done on the customer's side of the meter in order to qualify; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi's Public Benefits Program is comprised of four segments or customer groups: commercial/industrial, residential, community/non-profit, and municipal; and

WHEREAS, the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program is specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers who remove aging, inefficient central air conditioning units and replace those units with a 14.0+ Season Energy Efficiency Rating (SEER) unit. The following outlines the specifics of the program:

- must be a City of Lodi resident and City of Lodi electric utility customer;
- customer must submit appropriate paperwork to receive a rebate;
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- customer may utilize any licensed mechanical contractor of their choosing; and
- the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program will commence July 1, 2003, and be offered until funds are exhausted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lodi City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to provide funding in the amount of \$30,000.00 to renew the Public Benefits Program – Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program, specifically designed for Lodi residential electric customers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lodi Cooling Cash Rebate Program will commence July 1, 2003, and will be offered until funds are exhausted.

Dated: June 4, 2003

I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2003-100 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held June 4, 2003 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Beckman, Hansen, Howard, Land, and Mayor Hitchcock
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None


SUSAN J. BLACKSTON
City Clerk